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The reply filed on 24 June 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The response does not correctly identify where support for the newly added limitations are to be found in the disclosure. As set forth in 37 CFR 1.121(b)(2)(iii):

Each amendment when originally submitted must be accompanied by an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the amendment along with any additional comments on page(s) separate from the page(s) containing the amendment.

In the instant case, the response directs attention to original claims 9, 13, and 27. Review of original claims 9, 13, and 27 finds support for a range "of from about 10 nucleotides to about 30 nucleotides." Amended claims 1, 12, and 19 recite a range "of at least about 10 nucleotides." These ranges are not recognized as being coextensive and the new language is not supported by original claims 9, 13, and 27. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley L. Sisson whose telephone number is (703) 308-3978. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1152. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-7230.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1234.

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